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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

patent application of:

NAGURA, et al.

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Examiner: H. Tran

For: CATALYST CONVERTER

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 19, 2005. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire April 19, 2005, which makes this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

Entry of this Response is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in a listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.